GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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GRANTS FOR EYE DONATION CAMPS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government and Red Cross Society release grants for organising eye donation camps and other such health fairs in various States;

(b) if so, the names of the eye hospitals/institutions to which grants have been provided for the above purpose indicating the grants released during the last year and the current year in Bihar;

(c) whether funds have not been granted to a number of eye hospitals/institutes including Shankar Netralay in Madhubani despite meeting the laid down criteria for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b): National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is being implemented in a decentralized manner through respective States/UTs. Selection of eye hospitals/institutions and release of funds to them for participating under NPCB is the role of respective States/UTs. No funds have been released to eye hospitals/institutions centrally for eye-care activities including eye donation in States including Bihar. Indian Red Cross Society, (NHQ), New Delhi has informed that they do not provide grants for organizing eye donation camps and other such health fairs in States.

(c) & (d): As per report furnished by the Directorate of Health Services, Bihar, no eye donation camp has been organized by Shankar Netralaya in Madhubani since 1999 for which funds are to be released.

(e): Does not arise.